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Airport expands
President Clinton gave Metro Airport expansion a boost when he attended ground breaking on Monday.

Clinton 'digs' new terminal

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A smiling and confident President Clinton tested his political coattails Monday afternoon as he praised incumbent Michigan members of Congress for "lobbying" him on the need for a new midfield terminal at Detroit Metro Airport.

Clinton was welcomed to a huge white Metro Airport tent filled with approximately 1,000 supporters and the chants of "Four more years" as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara cited the President for driving the "golden spike" that guaranteed Metro Airport a "world class terminal for the 21st century."

Clinton and his Transportation Secretary Federico Pena were both praised by McNamara and Alfred Checchi, co-chairman of Northwest Airlines, for providing a critical \$150 million pledge of federal funding last May 20 that all but guaranteed a financial agreement between Wayne County and Northwest officials.

That agreement was reached about a month ago. McNamara had warned that any agreement reached after the 1996 election could possibly release Clinton from his pledge. That perceived threat helped solidify the timely \$1.6 billion airport expansion pact acceptance by both sides.

Actual construction work on the terminal is expected to begin next spring and be completed by the year 2000. It is also expected that the new quieter airplanes will be ushered into use at Metro Airport just about the time the new terminal is completed.

Despite the lack of any major state or national Republicans in attendance, McNamara made the claim "this is not a partisan outing." The comment drew a number of laughs from the audience.

Among the "non-partisan" speakers in addition to McNamara were Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Congressman John Dingell and Sen. Carl Levin, all Democrats.

Clinton then offered a brief address that included statements that "today is a great day for Wayne County and a great day for Michigan." He added that the erection of a massive new international airport terminal would "create many good paying jobs and would improve the quality of life for almost every person in this entire region."

The turnout included many minority voters from the Metro area, as Democrats have stated past Republican statewide wins occurred because many black citizens from Detroit stayed home on election day. They vow that will not happen two weeks from now.

Archer solidified that concept by introducing Romulus Mayor William Oakley (the host mayor) and told the crowd "he won by only 13 votes, so don't tell me your vote doesn't count."

Archer also joked with McNamara by praising his salesmanship skills with the federal government, but pleaded with him "however kindly keep your hands out of my back pockets."

Oakley was among the honored guests who turned over the ceremonial soil placed inside the tent for the groundbreaking ceremony.

McNamara stated prior to introducing Clinton "it use to be you had to have a river in your town to succeed in commerce. Then it was a railroad and now it is an airport."

"Metro Airport will now al-

Actual construction work on the terminal is expected to begin next spring and be completed by the year 2000.

4th name is drawn

The name of Melanie Woodard of Wayne was drawn this week as the fourth semi-finalist in the Michigan Community Newspapers \$10,000 Auto Giveaway. She submitted his entry at Crestwood Dodge.

Also in the running are Michele Haushalter of Wayne, Jeff Blackburn of Belleville and Sylvia Hrdzioszko of Northville. See contest details on Page C-11.

Fund up to \$140,000 now

Fund-raising events to earn money for a stem-cell transplant for 8-year-old Stephanie Smith of Belleville have garnered \$140,000. It is hope that the procedure will save the life of the child who is suffering from an auto-immune disease.

The goal, which must be reached by mid-November, is \$500,000.

Mingo successor

Replacement meeting called for tonight

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The newly created Romulus-Baron's School in Detroit was shut down an hour early last Thursday and all day Friday by the city's Fire Marshall, Baron's Schools Inc. co-owner Peter Bakema admitted Monday.

Bakema is awaiting a final permit for the school of choice to operate in Detroit, but has not received it yet.

A late report on Tuesday said that the school had received an official letter of compliance from the fire marshall and that Bakema had sent a hand delivered letter (as requested) to the city official for a permanent permit to operate the school for the rest of the school year.

Bakema said the school was opened a half day on Monday morning.

Some in the Romulus-Baron's School unit feel that the latest effort believed to be coming from the Detroit School District is an attempt at harassment, since school authorities themselves have branded the effort by the Romulus-Baron's School as a form of school piracy.

About 1,200 former Detroit dropouts have enrolled and begun classes (both academic and vocational) in Detroit.

The students need to complete 999 hours during 180 days to obtain credit for their studies.

In another element of the issue, Inkster Superintendent of Schools James M. Rutter took exception to a statement in last week's issue of the Michigan Community Newspapers that Bakema's hiring of former Inkster assistant superintendent of schools Quentin L. Mingo sent "another shock wave through the Inkster School District."

Rutter said "it created no shock and thus there was no wave, not even a ripple. Mingo hasn't been here for the past six weeks, thus his employment move had little impact here."

Mingo had been on medical leave from the Inkster School District, since his demotion to Inkster High School assistant principal. Former Inkster Superintendent Dr. Terrel LeCesne also was demoted to Inkster High principal.

Both LeCesne and Mingo have filed lawsuits against the Inkster School Board in connection with their demotions.

Rutter said he was calling a special school board meeting for tonight to appoint a successor to Mingo.

Rutter, who said he has known Mingo for over a decade, stated he "saluted Mingo" on obtaining his new educational position.

Former chamber president dies

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Douglas S. Baum, 59, former Romulus funeral director and president of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, died on Oct. 18, 1996 at his home in Atlanta, Mich.

Born on Feb. 25, 1937 in Charlotte, Mich, he was the son of Howard and Lucille (Sutton) Baum.

He opened the Baum Funeral Home in Romulus in 1967 and became active in the community. During the next 16 years, Mr. Baum was Romulus Rotary Club president and held other offices with the service club, chairman of the Romulus Building Authority and was active with the Romulus Little League Baseball and Football organizations.

He was named the chamber's Person of the Year in 1981.

His family later moved to Atlanta, where he continued his community service style. He was president of the Tri-Township Ambulance Board and was Post Bereavement Coordinator of the Outreach Hospice.

Mr. Baum also was a life member of the National Rifle Association and the Michigan Funeral Directors Association. He also served with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War era.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; his mother, Lucille Colizzi of Charlotte; his three sons, John (Shona), Michael (Christina) and Douglas (Sandra) Baum and an adopted son, Michael (Jody) Stockdale.

Other survivors include two step-daughters, Vickie (Duane) Winter and Sherri (Thomas) Harman and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, John Colizzi; and a son, Daniel.

Mr. Baum's funeral was conducted Tuesday at the Nie Funeral Home of Ann Arbor. His interment is scheduled for today at the Briley Cemetery of Atlanta.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Daniel Baum Scholarship Fund of Atlanta High School in Atlanta, Mich. or the Outreach Hospice of Atlanta, Mich, 48709.

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Despondent father kills self in house

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A despondent 37-year-old father shot and killed himself early Saturday morning, while Downriver Mutual Aid SWAT team members stood outside a home in Rudgate Mobile Home Park.

Detective Lt. David Early, head of the Investigative Services Bureau of Romulus Police Department, revealed local police were first alerted to the suicide threat at 3:15 a.m. Saturday.

A woman, who lived in the home, reportedly fled the building with her child a short time before. She told police her live-in boyfriend, Joey Cupp, had moved out two weeks before and returned that day.

Police responded to the mobile home with the woman since Mr. Cupp was also wanted on a series of warrants, including a domestic abuse complaint.

Looking through the window of the home, police could see Mr. Cupp was armed with a 22 calibre rifle.

Early said the gunman stated he did not want to harm anyone, but that he intended to take his own life.

Police attempted to reach Mr. Cupp via the phone, Early said, but he took the phone off the hook and wouldn't communicate with them.

Romulus police took up positions in a safe area and then called in reinforcements from the Downriver Mutual Aid SWAT team. They arrived about 6 a.m.

During this period of time police could hear Mr. Cupp breathing and moving about the home.

At 9:43 a.m. members of the SWAT team entered the home, Early said, and found the suspect lying on the kitchen floor with a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head.

Mr. Cupp was pronounced dead later at Ann Arbor Hospital in Wayne.

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Celebrity extends friendship to Stephanie Smith

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

Stephanie Smith, the 8-year-old victim of an auto-immune disease, is finding that not only are neighbors and friends coming to her aid, but a noted singer has extended his hand of friendship to the youngster. Last Thursday, an article was published in *Michigan Community Newspapers* about the drive to collect \$500,000 for

an experimental stem-cell transplant which could halt the deadly disease. The story also was extensively covered by the television networks. Soon after the story was published, Stephanie's mother received a phone call. Debbie Smith said the male caller asked to speak to Stephanie, and she told him that her daughter was resting. "Oh, I wanted to talk to her after hearing about her on

television. I'm Donny Osmond," he explained, telling Debbie that he is appearing at the Fox Theatre in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. "He was so nice. He invited Stephanie and I to go backstage at the Fox and to visit him at the theater," Debbie said. She noted that Stephanie was thrilled to meet the singer, although she is somewhat used

to meeting notable people after her visit with President Clinton and his wife last spring. To help Stephanie receive her stem-cell transplant, readers can send checks to NTAF - Friends of Stephanie Smith Transplant Fund, P.O. Box 258, Bryn Mawr, Penn. 19010. MCN is also donating a portion of each subscription price made through the end of the drive.



Inkster royalty

Homecoming King Terrel McKissick and Queen Neshawndra Fikes are reigning over Spirit Week at Inkster High School. The two are dressed in 1960s-1970s attire for Spirit Week. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council met at 7:10 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room on Monday, September 30th. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, Hendricks, Colleran, James and Mayor Bivens. ABSENT: Councilmen Clemens and Hampton. DISCUSSED Site Plan Development Fees and Waycor Development Proposal. MEETING adjourned at 8:45 p.m. (Full text available upon request)

Naomi E. James, Recorder
Councilwoman

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CITY OF INKSTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Inkster will hold its Public Accuracy Test on the Optech III-P Eagle voting device for the November 5, 1996 General Election on Thursday, October 31, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the Inkster City Hall, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine if the equipment will accurately count the votes cast by absentee ballots for all offices in the manner prescribed by law.

Delphine G. Oden, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council met at 7:41 p.m. in the Council Chambers on September 16th and 7:38 p.m. on October 7th. Present September 16th and October 7th: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, Hendricks, Clemens, Hampton, Colleran, James and Mayor Bivens. ABSENT: None. September 16th: CONSENT Calendar items approved: Minutes of 9/3/96 (Regular) and 9/5/96 (Special); Pension Payroll for \$38,355.33; payments of \$1,932 to Wade-Trim and \$3,800 to SEMCOG, requests from Robichaud High School for homecoming parade on 10/11/96 and from Annapolis Park Church of Christ to march on 10/19/96; and participation in 1997 Mayors Exchange. APPROVED the following payments: \$10,471 to Milt Spokojny for attorney services; \$5,374.65 to Wade-Trim for engineering services; \$669,000 to Wayne County for bond payment and operations and maintenance cost on the CSO; and \$1,750 to EESG and \$341,601.39 to Dan's Excavating for the Beech Daly Road Project. APPOINTED: Mable Foster and Dorothy M. Moore to the Aging Commission; Constance Carol, Sandra Markwart, Denise Brown, Marie Cauty, Gloria Steele, Margaret Goolsby and Leanna Hicks to the Library and Historical Commission; Rev. Beverly Tasy to the Police Community Relations Advisory Committee; Timothy Williams to the Cable Television Commission; Myrtle Mays and Frank Porter to the Inkster Beautification Committee; and Lorraine Pugh to the Community Development Advisory Committee. TABLED approval of 1996-97 Goals and Objectives of the Local, Minority and Female Business Enterprise Advisory Committee. AUTHORIZED solicitation of sealed bids for cleaning up privately owned vacant property and purchase of hydraulic tools. APPROVED submission of grant application to the Justice Department to hire additional police officers for a Violence Reduction Program. ESTABLISHED Public Hearing for 10/21/96 to consider amending DDA Plan. AUTHORIZED expenditure of \$1,650 for the City Manager's attendance at the ICMA Conference. EXTENDED lease agreement until 11/1/96 with Dr. Mitchell for the parking lot. AUTHORIZED entering into an agreement with MDOT for resurfacing of Cherry Hill; and option agreement with Financial Properties to develop new single family structures. APPROVED Change Order No. 4 for the Beech Daly Road Improvement Project. DENIED Offer to Purchase City-owned property for \$696 from Lorrane A. Davis. APPROVED Offers to Purchase City-owned properties (vacant lots) to Kenneth D. and Cassandra W. Thomas for \$3,122; and Messiaiah Oluwole and Agnes Adetutu Oyelola for \$358. APPROVED additional payment of \$1,164 from Ronald W. Lindsay to purchase City-owned property. TABLED Offer to Purchase City-owned property for \$4 from the New Era Men's Organization. ADOPTED resolution authorizing maintenance work on the North Branch of Ecorse Creek. October 7th: CONSENT Calendar items approved: Minutes of 9/16/96 (Regular) and 9/30/96 (Special); payments of \$814.10 to Wade-Trim and \$900 to National Conference of Black Mayors; requests from Humane Society to allow children to collect money for Halloween, Inkster High School for homecoming parade on 10/25/96, and the Population Institute to proclaim 10/27 to 11/2 as "World Population Awareness Week"; and designated 10/26/96 as "Booker T. Dozier Day". APPOINTED Joan Spears to the Zoning and Housing Appeals Board. APPROVED Special Conditions Use for 2927 Middlebelt. DENIED Use Not Included Within A Specific Use District for property located on Lot 5, Industrial Acres Subdivision. APPROVED 1996-97 Goals and Objectives for the Local, Minority and Female Business Enterprise Advisory Committee. APPROVED the following payments: \$1,717.92 to Wade-Trim for engineering services; and \$31,782 for Foster Flooring Corp. to repair gym floor. AWARDED bids totaling \$12,209.22 for the Sale of Excess Equipment; and quote for \$18,875 to Henry Logan Painting & Decorating Co. for outdoor painting at Recreation Complex. APPROVED expenditure of \$15,000 to establish a CD ROM Computer Service at the Library. APPROVED second phase of the Southwest Block Club's beautification project. APPROVED request from the 785th Military Police Battalion to utilize the Recreation Complex as an alternate assembly, if needed. APPROVED Subordination Agreement with Comerica Bank for property located at 1610 Lexington. APPROVED transfer of 1995 Class C with Dance Permit located at 26201 Michigan. RATIFIED collective bargaining agreement with the Command Officers Association of Michigan. ADOPTED resolution supporting Proposal "S" Wayne County Stadium Proposition. MEETINGS adjourned at 10:05 p.m. and 9:35 p.m., respectively. (Full text available upon request)

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Inkster City Clerk

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Romulus attorney seeks judgeship

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus attorney Sheila Gibson Manning is seeking to be elected to a Third Circuit Court Judge post in Wayne County this November. Manning, 38, and her husband, Michael, have lived in Romulus for the past four years and currently is employed by the Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan. Previously she lived in Detroit. "I believe in this community," Manning said, "and I have a commitment to serve it. I have a strong concern for how the legal and judicial system effects our community's residents." Stating she served as a trial lawyer for 11 years, Manning feels she possesses a broad experience base which encompasses several legal disciplines. "This provides me with the ability to easily adapt to a variety of subject matters. Since I have closely scrutinized the system, I want to be in a position to protect and serve our community," Manning said. Manning is one of seven challengers to the 12 incumbents for the six year terms on

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I believe in this community.
- Sheila Gibson Manning

the Third Circuit Court. She is the only challenger from the Western Wayne County area. Manning said she has won the endorsements of various Democratic party units such as the Detroit, Inkster, Westland and Metro Wayne Democratic Clubs, the Council of Baptist Pastors, Wayne County Women's Political Caucus, as well as the Western Wayne County NOW and the Michigan NOW. She is a graduate of Pershing High School of Detroit (1976), University of Michigan (1980) and University of Pittsburgh School of Law (1983). She also worked for the City of Detroit's Law Department for four years. Two incumbents also are from the Western Wayne area namely Michael James Calahan of Belleville and J. Philip Jourdan of Plymouth.

CITY OF INKSTER GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Inkster notice is hereby given that the local proposal and polling place locations for the General Election that will be held in the City of Inkster on Tuesday, November 5, 1996 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., are as follows:
CITY OF INKSTER COMBINE SEWER OVERFLOW RETENTION BASIN TAX PLEDGE PROPOSAL: Shall the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan be authorized to make an unlimited tax pledge to approximate five and one-half (5.5) mills (\$5.50 per \$1,000.00) of the City's Taxable Valuation, annually, commencing during the month of November, 1996 and concluding on April 30, 2016, in support of the City's contractual obligations owed to the County of Wayne for principal and interest on the County's bonds for construction of a combined sewer overflow retention basin facility and related connection sewers, pump station and regulator improvements located on Inkster Road?
CITY OF INKSTER COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW RETENTION BASIC TAX PLEDGE PROPOSAL EXPLANATION: The purpose of the foregoing Proposal is to permit the City of Inkster to levy Ad Valorem taxes for the payment of the stated contractual obligation on all taxable property within its boundaries in excess of any charter, statutory, or constitutional tax limitations and in addition to any other taxes which the City may be authorized to levy. The County of Wayne's Bonds have been issued with interest rates not exceeding seven (7%) percent and payments are due through approximately April 30, 2016. The total amount of the contractual obligation for the bond issues are estimated at \$13,965,000.00. Failure to approve the foregoing proposal shall result in the city increasing water and sewer rates in order to pay for the contractual obligation. Yes or No
POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS:
DISTRICT 1:
Precinct 1 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlisle
Precinct 2 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlisle
DISTRICT 2:
Precinct 1 - Recreation Complex (Meeting/Lounge Room) - 2025 Middlebelt
Precinct 2 - Recreation Complex (Multi-Purpose Room) - 2025 Middlebelt
Precinct 3 - Chateau Cherry Hill - 213 Henry Ruff (Residents Only)
DISTRICT 3:
Precinct 1 - Lincoln School - 3414 Ash
Precinct 2 - Department of Public Service - 26900 Princeton
Precinct 3 - Demby Community Center - 4360 Hickory
Precinct 4 - F.L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia
Precinct 5 - Thompson Towers - 27727 Michigan Avenue (Residents Only)
DISTRICT 4:
Precinct 1 - Hicks School - 100 Helen
Precinct 2 - St. Norberts School - 27335 Woodsfield
Precinct 3 - St. Norberts Social Hall - 27335 Woodsfield
DISTRICT 5:
Precinct 1 - Pilgrims Travelers Missionary Baptist Church - 2945 John Daly
Precinct 2 - Tomlinson School - 25912 Annapolis
DISTRICT 6:
Precinct 1 - Twin Towers - 2000 Inkster Road
Precinct 2 - Daly School - 25824 Michigan Avenue

Delphine G. Oden, CMC
City Clerk

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Eastside productions present musical

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Eastside Productions proudly presents The Award-Winning Gospel Musical "Mama, I Want To Sing!", lyrics and book by Vy Higginsen and Ken Wydro, October 24-27, 1996 at the Towsley Auditorium/Dr. Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community Col-

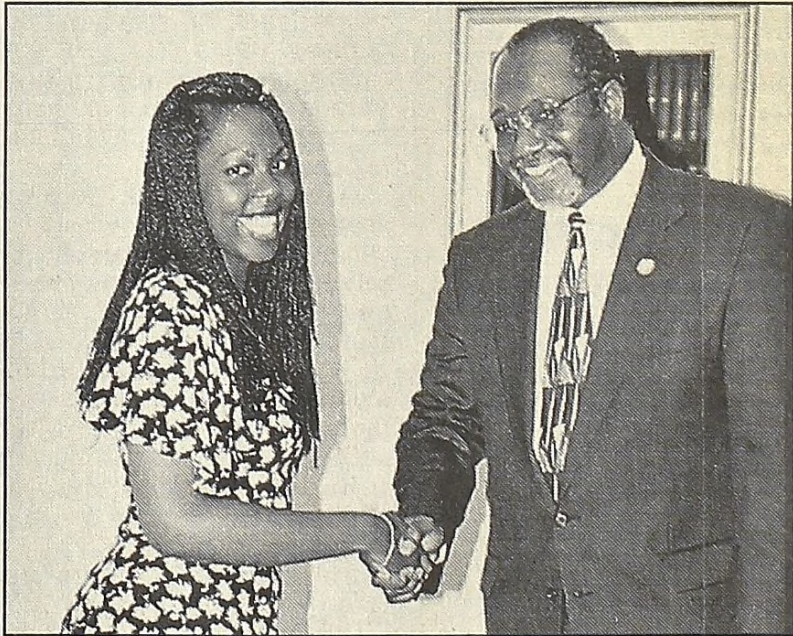
lege in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Renee' Clements, former Inkster resident, will be appearing in the production. The curtains open at 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday; and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are available at all Ticketmasters. "Mama, I Want to Sing!" directed by Evelyn Collins and Alvin B. Waddles III.

Annual 'Harvest Prayer Breakfast' scheduled

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

The Nora F. Taylor Missionary Society of Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, has completed plans for the Annual "HARVEST PRAYER BREAKFAST". The Theme: "The Harvest Is Plenty, But The Laborers Are Few."

The date: Saturday November 16, 1996 10 o'clock a.m. at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street, corner of Beech, in Inkster, Michigan. Donation \$10.00 per person. Minnie Ward, President; Valerie Jarrett, Chairperson; Frances Chisholm-Co-Chairperson; Rev. Dr. David R. Jarrett Sr., Pastor.



Inkster scholar

Daisy Truss (left) is one of 76 outstanding freshmen named as a South Carolina State Centennial Scholar. The 18-year-old Inkster High School graduate is majoring in business management. She is congratulated by Dr. Leroy Davis, SCSU president.

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CITY OF INKSTER ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

The Election Commission met at 9:36 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, October 7, 1996. Present: Commissioners Harris-Foster, Hendricks, Clemens, Bivens, Colleran, Hampton and Chairwoman James. ABSENT: None. ESTABLISHED compensation for Election Inspectors. MADE the following authorizations: City Clerk to select Inspectors; make necessary arrangements for the General Election scheduled for November 5th. MEETING adjourned at 9:40 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Delphine G. Oden, CMC
Inkster City Clerk

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ROMULUS NEWS
DIGEST

Student expelled
on drug charge

A Romulus High School freshman was permanently excluded from the Romulus School District recently for reportedly attempting to sell marijuana to a Romulus Middle School student this past June.

The 15-year-old boy was apprehended by school officials after the June 13th incident and later turned over to Romulus Police.

A district panel of school authorities held a hearing on the boy's sales effort on Aug. 27 and recommended his being banned from local schools.

His mother appealed the panel's decision and a hearing was then conducted before the local school board on Sept. 23.

The board announced its decision to uphold the decision made by Superintendent Dr. William Bedell and the hearing officer.

The trustees said they agreed the former student "did violate the Student Code of Conduct by attempting to sell marijuana and that (such) actions did constitute a gross misdemeanor."

Illusions program
slated Oct. 30

A Gospel Illusions program is being offered at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Romulus Wesleyan Church.

The program suitable for children and adults will be presented by Magic Jack from Davison.

The program will continue until about 8:15 p.m.

17 area students
on EMU dean's list

Seventeen Romulus area students recently were named to the dean's list at Eastern Michigan University.

To be named to the list students need to carry a minimum of 10 credit hours and maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

The students include: Theresa Marie Blizman, Kevin John Elmore, Sharlene R. Gafka, Brian M. Hadyniak, Carolyn Lee Kirby, Eric B. Lambert, Jennifer E. Lorenz, Karla D. Lovachy, Kimberly D. Lyles, Gail Rutherford, Erica Shelby, Staci Steffani, Melanie M. Sundquist, Lela A. Tennille, Christina L. Westlake, Ronald D. Yount Jr. and Debra Jackson.

3 on 3 hoops
slated for Nov. 2, 3

A 3 on 3 hoops competition will be conducted at Romulus High School on Nov. 2nd and 3rd.

The contest is open to participants, who are aged 8 and over. A dunk contest will be held, as will a 3-point shoot out.

First, second and third place trophies will be awarded. The contest is being sponsored by Detinu Inc. and the Romulus Recreation Department. Further information can be obtained by calling 942-6852.

Brownstown Sq.
added to portfolio

Brownstown Square, a 192 multi-family apartment site in Romulus, has been added to the portfolio of the Formmidable Group.

"Being named the managing agent for Brownstone Square reflects our commitment to offer exceptional management services to luxury, government-assisted and senior living apartments," Richard Slavik, Formmidable Group president, said.

With the latest addition, Slavik said, Formmidable's portfolio now contains 53 apartment communities with more than 10,000 apartments.

Cory principal
has eye surgery

Veteran Cory Elementary School Principal Phyllis Adkins has taken a 30-day medical leave of absence to undergo eye surgery, Curriculum Director Thomas Dolan revealed.

Pitoniak facing
two opponents

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Will incumbent 22nd District State Rep. Gregory Pitoniak finish out his career in the Michigan House of Representatives by being elected to his final term this Nov. 5?

Or will one of his two challengers, Republican candidate Matthew Ruffner or Independent Susan L. Cislo, pull an upset. All three candidates are residents of Taylor, but the legislative district coverage extends into Romulus.

Pitoniak, 42, who has been a member of the state legislature since 1988, states that he feels that state funding for schools may not be adequate for today's needs.

Many school districts, unlike Romulus, have limited technology and their students are housed in dilapidated school buildings. Pitoniak thus plans to ask Gov. John Engler and the state legislature to provide better means for school funding, because he feels if other school districts collapse because of a lack of suitable funding, it could hurt the educational system statewide.

Pitoniak also is concerned that the state's penal budget is rising substantially, while upgrades in the funding for the educational system are extremely limited statewide.

Even more striking, according to Pitoniak, is the state's lack of planning and commitment to the Michigan's infrastructure, particularly its roads and bridges.

"I believe it is imperative that Engler immediately present an infrastructure investment plan to the legislature that is fiscally sound and assures our economic future," he said.

Pitoniak also goes on record as stating "we have inadequately funded the maintenance and repair of our roads for too many years."

He charges that Engler has seized federal transportation funds historically reserved for local governments and used them for state roads. "I will continue to oppose such actions," he said.

Three main priorities Pitoniak said he will pursue during the 1997-98 term will be: seeking more state funds for public education, further tax relief for Michigan families and businesses and continued opposition to commercial hazardous waste disposal wells in Michigan.

When asked what the buzzword "family values" means to him, Pitoniak said, "they include honesty, commitment, integrity, dedication, kindness, charity and responsibility."

Meanwhile Cislo, a 32-year-old mother of three sons, states she feels funding for primary and secondary schools should come from a combination of a state guaranteed minimum with individual districts making up the balance of what its residents want to spend on schools.

"Control should thus be returned to the local school boards," Cislo said. Questioned on ways the state legislature can ensure continued prosperity in Michigan, Cislo said, "state officials can quit interfering with the free enterprise system. Government cannot create jobs, it only shifts resources from one



Rep. Gregory Pitoniak



Susan Cislo

sector to another or one company to another."

On the issue of state roads, Cislo said she feels the key is to cut out the "pork barrel" expenditures. "I would propose that all state revenues go into one (general) fund and be spent according to established priorities. This would not only force the legislators to set up priorities, but they would then have to defend them with the public."

As for priorities she would press for if elected, Cislo said, she favored returning control of the siting of hazardous disposal operations to local communities. If not the waste facilities should be located on state owned land away from populated areas.

She favors the strong use of "phonics" to upgrade Michigan students' reading abilities, since reading is "the key to lifelong learning."

Cislo would sponsor state legislation to outlaw the barbaric practice of "partial birth abortions." However such a ban was vetoed earlier this fall by President Clinton on a national basis.

As for family values, Cislo said they are the beliefs and attitudes a family holds as a result of religion and life experiences. It should have nothing to do with government or politicians.

She also expressed opposition to the "Outcome Based Education" system. "This must be stopped," Cislo said, "our children's outcomes should be guided by parents not the public schools."

Attempts to reach, Ruffner were unsuccessful. A family spokesperson said he had visited Romulus last week, but was tied up this week with the Dole-Kemp campaign process.

Transplant funds sought

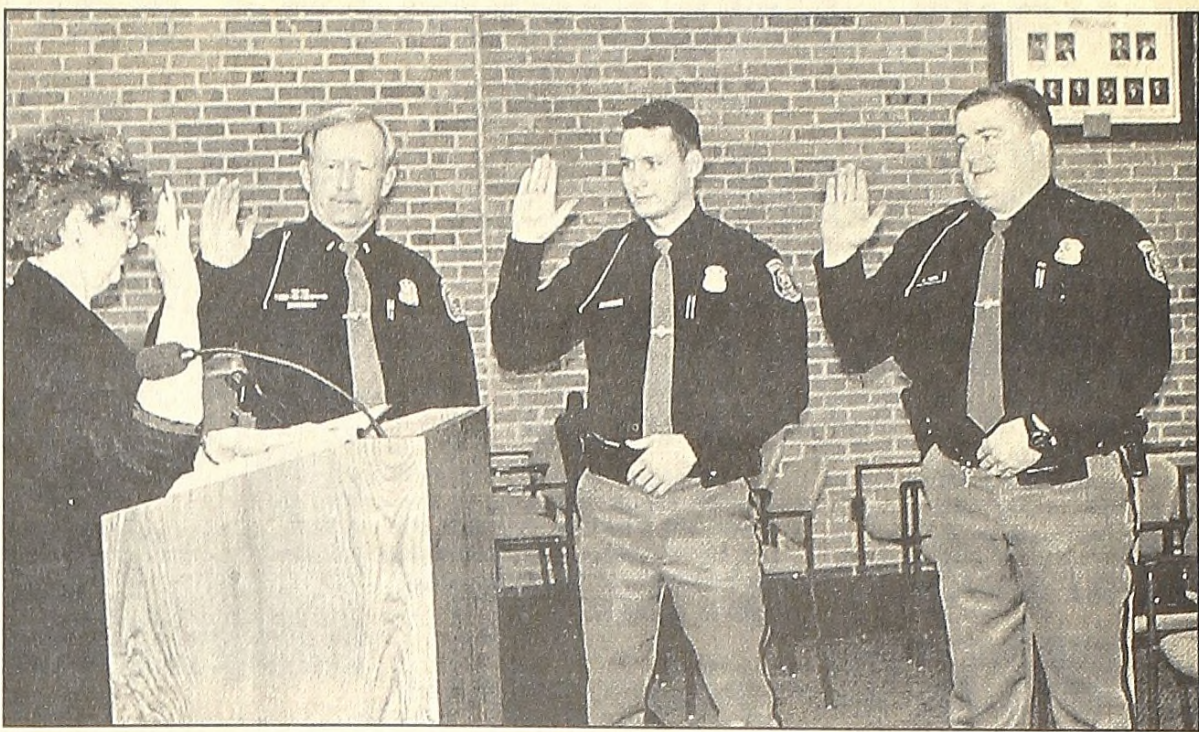
From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 2, "My Friends Care" donor drive will be conducted at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster.

The Red Cross will be there to accept blood donations and

to provide information on becoming a bone marrow donor. Those who cannot attend the donor drive are requested to send a donation to "My Friends Care," Bone Marrow Transplant Fund, JoEllen Whitfield-Smith, P.O. Box 74531, Romulus, Mich. 48174.

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New police officers

City Clerk Linda Choate is shown swearing in recently promoted Lt. Dan Snyder and new Police Officers Chris Hines and Allen Hays in the City Council Chambers last week. Hines, 24, of Dearborn, and Hays, 27, of Brownstown Township, both graduated from the Wayne County Police Academy after earning their Associates degree from Schoolcraft College last May. Mayor William Oakley and Police Chief Charles (Chuck) Kirby were on hand to congratulate the trio. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

Halloween party slated

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Scores of Romulus High School students will be assisting in the Saturday night Hale Creek Elementary School Halloween event.

Kathy Hurst, Project SERVE coordinator, revealed the student volunteers will help Hale Creek parent-teacher organization members in turning the school building on Harrison Road into a

"haunted neighborhood" for the grade school age children.

The student volunteerism effort will be part of the Project SERVE unit's "Make a Difference Day" activity.

Members of the school's PTO will begin decorating the school's interior shortly after classes end on Friday afternoon.

The Halloween activities for the grade school youngsters will take place from 6 to 9

p.m. Saturday.

The Halloween activity began about a decade ago and has become a valued part of the school year, Principal Lynne Mossoian revealed. On Saturday night students from Hale Creek will follow a haunted trail, where they will pick up various treats in the school's classrooms.

Other refreshments will be offered in the school's cafeteria.

Clinton

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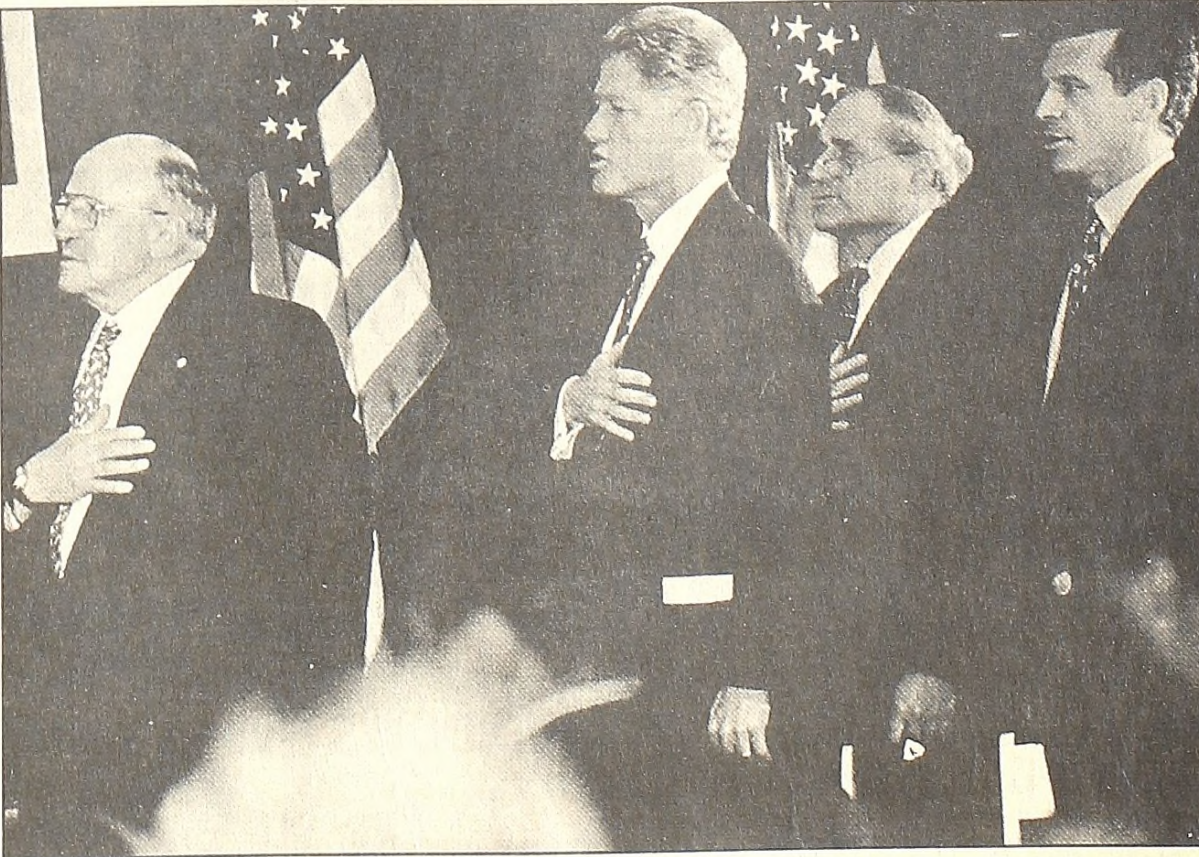
low Wayne County residents to be one step away from cities their parents only dreamed

about--such as Paris," McNamara added.

Northwest co-chairman Checchi praised the long fought over terminal financial package that finally reached the agreement stage in September as a "product of great 'only in America' collaboration."

He then joked "this proves it takes a village to build an airport."

Oakley was joined by his wife, Mary, and a number of City Council members at the outing including William Crova, Michael Prybyla, Mary Collins, Randy Gear and Deborah Romak.



Terminal ceremony

President Clinton (center top photo) joins the ceremonial groundbreaking for the planned midfield Metro Airport Terminal slated to open in the year 2000. Standing to the left of Clinton is Northwest Co-Chairman Alfred Checchi and to his right is Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara. In the bottom photo, Clinton joins McNamara, left, and Sen. Carl Levin (behind Clinton) and Checchi in singing the National Anthem. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

Rivers, Fitzsimmons battle for Western Wayne

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

Key to winning the 13th Congressional seat, according to many political analysts, is to gain the "swing" vote in Western Wayne County.

That reality has prompted the two candidates -- incumbent Democrat Lynn Rivers and Republican challenger Joe Fitzsimmons to focus heavily on those communities. Both have campaigned vigorously and made many appearances at local events to shake hands and share their messages.

To clarify their positions, Michigan Community Newspapers has posed the same four questions to both of the candidates. Their replies are as follows:

What do you see as the key to continued economic prosperity?

"The key to economic prosperity is to control our government's spending, increase our national productivity, reduce the federal deficit and provide adequate, affordable education and job training to all Americans," Rivers stated.

What can be done to curb drug use in the U.S.?

We need to prosecute drug king-pins, protect our own borders and implement more prevention programs to stop drug

Candidate for 13th Congressional District: Lynn Rivers.
Residence: Ann Arbor
Age: 39
Education: U of M, BA, and WSU, JD
Employment: Incumbent in Congress

use before it starts," the congresswoman said.

To what extent should the U.S. be involved in Iraq, Bosnia, the Middle East and other world trouble spots?

Rivers believes that decision on these troubled areas should be made on a case-by-case basis.

"In general, that decision should be based on our national interest, global strategic exigencies, treaty agreements and our role as a world leader, and our unyielding commitment to democracy," said Rivers. "I will expect and will demand that any mission that involves U.S. troops be clear, limited and achievable."

"Troops must also be solely under United States command. Furthermore, I will support giving commanders in the field the unhindered ability to retaliate against any attack,"



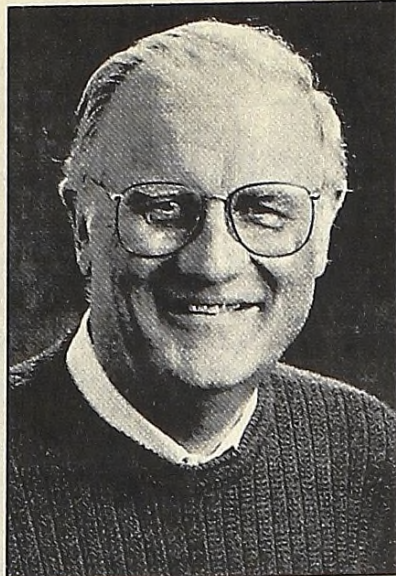
Lynn Rivers

Rivers said.

How can the federal government be scaled down and, at the same time, be more responsive to the needs of the people?

We should start by eliminating wasteful spending and reducing our federal deficit. We need to balance the budget and get our spending priorities in line to address what is really important to the American people," she said.

"We can do this by making cuts incrementally over time, protecting those areas that we consider important as a nation -- investments in children, seniors, education," she concluded.



Joe Fitzsimmons

What do you see as the key to continued economic prosperity?

"American are working under an enormous tax burden. I want to cut taxes so you can keep more of what you earn. Right now, 39 percent of the family budget goes to pay all the federal, state and local taxes. It takes two wage earner in a family -- one to pay the taxes and one to support the family -- just to make ends meet," said Fitzsimmons.

"It's Economics 101: If you have more money to keep, you'll have more money to spend which goes back into the economy. Cutting taxes is a proven way to get the economy growing and creating more jobs at better wages," he said.

"However, unlike the past where both parties spent the incoming revenues, we'll contain government spending."

"We also need a balanced budget amendment. I'll vote for that because I think we've got to have it. Otherwise, Congress would have balanced its books a long time ago," Fitzsimmons said.

What can be done to curb

Candidate for 13th Congressional District: Joe Fitzsimmons
Residence: Ann Arbor
Age: 61
Education: Cornell University, BA and MA
Employment: Retired. Former CEO, President/Chairman of UMI

drug use in the U.S.?

"I have a three-part strategy to winning the war on drugs. We need better and tougher drug interdiction programs to stop the program where it starts. It's as simple as the law of supply and demand. If we reduce the amount of drugs coming into this country, we're going to raise the street price and, hopefully, price kids right out of the market," said Fitzsimmons.

"We need better and smarter drug education programs that start in the grade schools. We need to make sure kids understand just how deadly a game they're playing. I support community programs like DARE that educate kids about the dangers of drugs," he continued. "And, I support the death penalty for drug kingpins who deal large amounts of drugs that kill kids and destroy lives. I think if you're going to do that, you need to lose more than your mansion or Mercedes. You should lose it all!"

To what extent should the U.S. be involved in Iraq, Bosnia, the Middle East and other world trouble spots?

"We live and work in a global society. We must promote peace and support democracy, as well as protect the security of Americans all over the world. Those goals of peace, freedom and democracy can only be achieved by preserving America's role of leadership and using Amer-

ica's strength -- economic and military. But we must exercise leadership wisely with the restraint to not engage in every problem area in the world where there is no clear objective for our nation," Fitzsimmons said.

"I will always support our troops in any way I can, but I will also protect our troops in every way I can and think long and hard before I agree, to send them anywhere."

How can the federal government be scaled down and at the same time be more responsive to the needs of the people?

"As the son of a butcher, I learned a lot about giving people their money's worth and treating customers right. I lived by that as a businessman and I'll settle for nothing less as a congressman," Fitzsimmons said.

"Government is too large and out of touch with the needs of its people. All the layers of bureaucracy makes it nearly impossible to respond in an effective manner to our needs. Even worse, inefficient and obsolete programs never die in the federal government, so there are many bureaus, agencies and programs that duplicate each other's functions," he continued.

"By making our government leaner and more efficient, it will be more responsive to the needs of the American people. And we don't have to use a meat axe -- we just need to trim the fat. I'll fight hard in Congress for common sense."

Editor's note: The 13th District includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Canton Township, Huron Township, Inkster Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland plus parts of Dearborn Heights and Livonia.

Gumbel promoted to VNA Hospice post

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA) has promoted Joan Gumbel, of Detroit, to hospice director for VNA.

Gumbel, who started her career with VNA 20 years ago as a public health nurse, advanced from nursing supervisor, region supervisor and manager of high-tech services to her current position.

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She is a member of the Michigan Hospice Organization. Gumbel is also a member of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. She holds a bachelor of science in nursing.

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Waste-to-energy plans go forward

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although they are considering an appeal of an unprecedented federal ruling that requires a proposed \$85 million expansion and reconstruction of the existing trash burners at the Central Wayne County Authority into a waste-to-energy facility, project officials and engineers say "they will go forward with the project."

In a letter by George T. Czerniak Jr., Chief Air Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch in Chicago to Greg Aldrich, acting director, Air Quality Management Division, Wayne County DPA, "that information provided by Central Wayne indicates that the estimated fixed capital cost of the new component will be more than 50 percent of the original costs of construction and installation for each unit. "Based on this information, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has determined that each of the MWC (municipal waste combustors) units at Central Wayne will become subject to the NSPS New Stationary Sources) for Municipal Waste Combustors..."

At a Wayne County Department of Environment public forum staged last Wednesday at Inkster High School, Ellen Lindquist, chief deputy director, of the Wayne County Department of Environment, explained that the first of its kind federal ruling means that the proposed expansion of the CWCA incinerator facility would now have to adhere to the more stringent controls and guidelines established under the federally-enacted Clean Air Act.

Thomas Barnett, Central Wayne Energy Recovery project manager, said on Friday that the CWER has not decided whether they would appeal the ruling.

"We have not taken a stand on whether we will appeal this ruling or not," said Barnett by telephone. Despite the frustration and delays of the multi-million dollar project, Barnett stressed that "this project is going forward."

The Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority began operation in the early 1960s to dispose of trash generated in the member communities of Westland, Wayne, Inkster, Garden City and Dearborn Heights. Taxpayers in the CWCSA communities are levied a 1-mill tax for the operation of Authority.

According to CWCSA officials, the authority was forced to shut down operations in 1982 because they could not meet the more stringent environmental requirements enacted under the 1987 Clean Air Act.

After the five communities approved bonds totaling \$12 million to upgrade the facility, the authority reopened its operation.

In recent years, the authority has had to seek a "white knight" to help finance the increasing costs of the operation and, after considerable study and search, the CWCSA decided to enter into a partnership with Constellation Power, Inc., a subsidiary of Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, and DB Reilly, a subsidiary of Deutsche Babcock.

The consortium plans to turn the present operation into a waste-to-energy facility.

At Wednesday night's meeting, attended by concerned citizens, environmentalists, representatives of the Sierra Club, engineers and federal, state and county officials, Barnett told a large the project was a viable one that would lead to the installation of state of the art equipment, create new jobs and provide revenues to the membership communities.

He reiterated what he has told city councils in the CWCSA communities that the electricity generated at the proposed plant would be sold to Detroit Edison.

In a press release, Constellation Power states that:

- That the plant will generate 22,000 KW, enough to supply electricity to 10,000 homes;
- Replace the existing flue gas cleaning system with state-of-the-art equipment capable of compliance with the most stringent air regulations;
- Estimated total capital cost is about \$85 million; and
- Construction will take approximately 1 1/2 years and involve more than 200 union jobs.

The partnership will continue to accept and dispose of member community waste throughout the construction period.

Barnett also informed the audience that the financing for the improvement will be handled by the private entity, Central Wayne Energy Recovery, L.P., and that no jobs would be lost, "in fact we plan to hire at least 15 more employees."

He said that he hoped that all the permit requirements would be approved by the end of the year.

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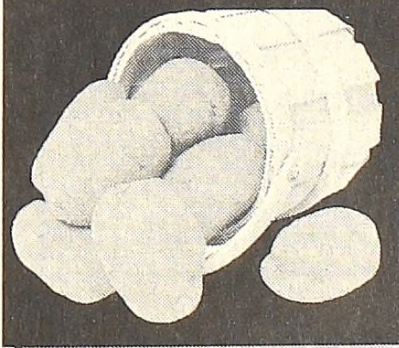
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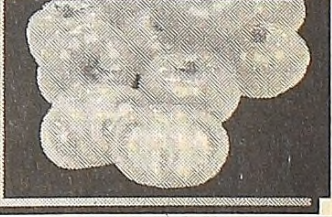


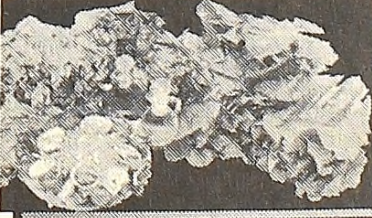
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This week we offer our recommendations on a variety of proposals you will find on your election ballot. Watch for next week's Michigan Community Newspapers to find out who we endorse in individual races.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox

In Inkster, the major ballot proposition is the 5.5 mills the City is asking to pay for the sewer overflow retention basins. If you remember, last time around this proposition was defeated by only a few votes thus giving city fathers the encouragement to try at the polls again.

Voters are asked to approve the estimated \$13,965,000 for the federally forced retention basins. City officials claim Inkster is stuck with the bill no matter what and if the voters do not see fit to approve the tax pledge, they will recover the amount by increasing water and sewer rates.

We think the more equitable alternative is to approve the proposition. Although \$14 million is a lot of money, it will be spread over 20 years, thus costing an average homeowner approximately \$110 per year (based on SEV of \$20,000).

State Proposal A is a referendum seeking to change the Bingo Act thus denying political parties the ability to conduct bingo games as fundraisers. It is a Republican-sponsored proposal to do away with a long-standing Democratic Party method of fundraising. We ask voters to unequivocally vote "no" on this. Any and all groups should be allowed to sponsor bingo. We do not need government to tell us who can and who cannot sponsor bingo games.

We suggest a reluctant "yes" vote on Proposal B. This proposal would require candidates for judgeship have at least five years experience practicing law. On the surface it is denying one's constitutional right to be able to run for elective office regardless of qualifications. On the other hand, it has happened time and time again, whereby a judge is elected on his or her name and not on qualifications. It is difficult for the electorate to keep track of every single candidate on a ballot, so this prerequisite seems fair.

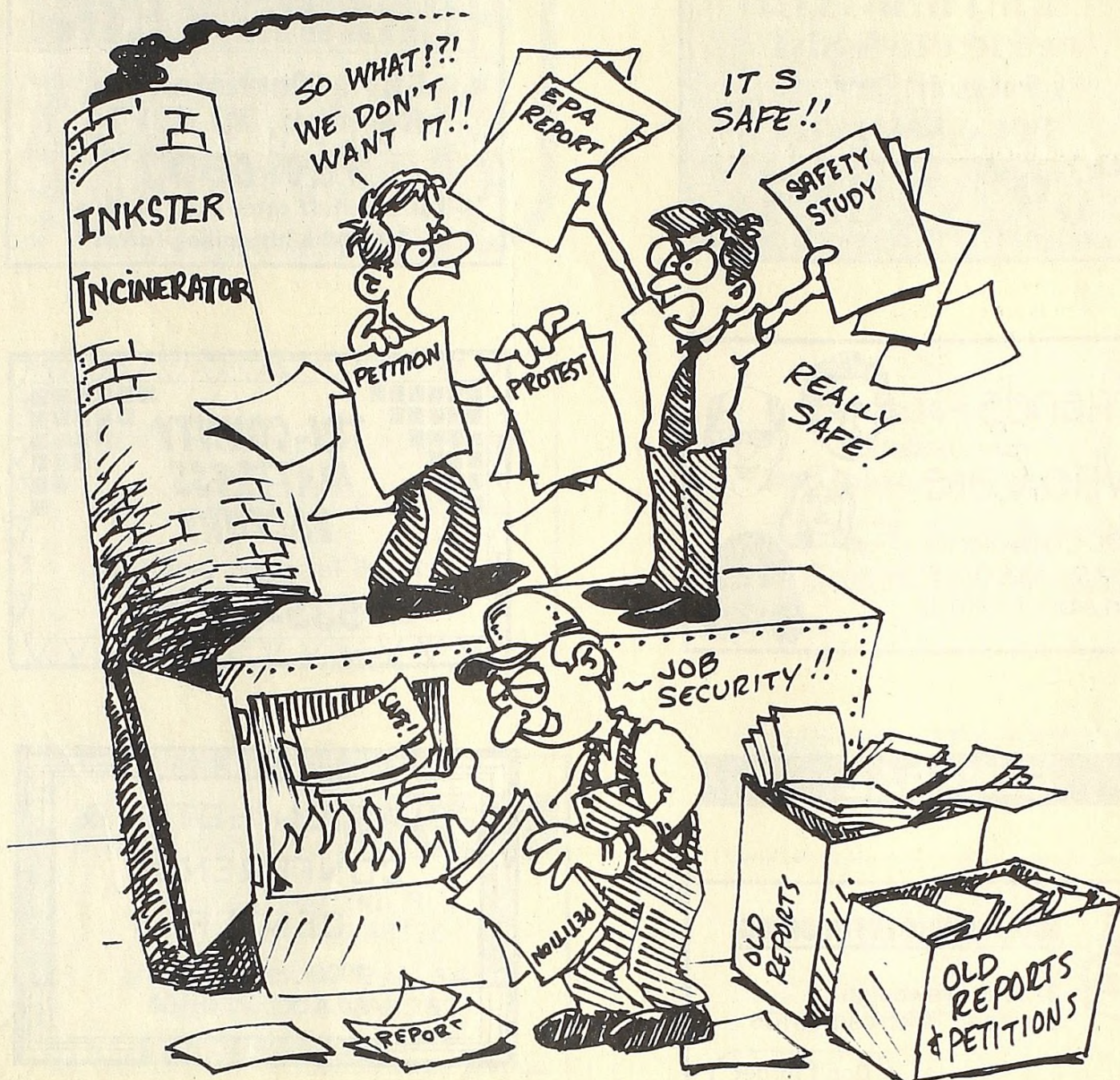
We ask you to vote "no" on D and "yes" on G. Proposal D asks voters to limit bear hunting season and prohibit the use of bat and dogs to hunt bear. To us this does not make sense because the bear population currently is at an all time high. If we do not continue current methods of hunting then bear harvesting would be left to government hunters. In state that have passed prohibitions on bat and dog hunting, the number of human-bear contacts has increased significantly.

On the other hand, Proposal G gives the National Resources Commission the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game. In addition the proposal demands the NRC use "principles of sound scientific management" and hold a public hearing prior to the issuance of any new orders. This makes sense to us.

Proposal E is the infamous gambling initiative. This proposal would allow casinos in a city with a population of at least 800,000, is located within 100 miles of any other state or country in which gaming is permitted, and has had casino gambling approved by the majority of voters in that city. Sounds like Detroit, and only Detroit, eh? Although we are sympathetic to reasoning that claims millions of dollars are being lost to Windsor and Indian reservations, it just doesn't make sense to allow Detroit to have gaming, and not Romulus or Inkster. This proposal benefits Detroit and only Detroit, thus we ask Western Wayne voters to cast a "no" vote on this proposition.

Proposal S asks voters to approve new taxes on hotels and rental vehicles to raise \$80 million to help build new stadiums for the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers. We would prefer that the owners of the proposed new stadiums, multi-millionaires Ford and Illich, use their own money build the stadiums that will guarantee them huge profits once constructed. We ask them to follow the example of Bill Davidson, owner of the Pistons, who constructed The Palace with his own money. New taxes are not needed. We suggest a "no" vote on this proposition.

Finally, we suggest a "yes" vote on the millage renewal for Wayne County Community College. WCCC has made decent strides recently in improving the quality of education provided. The millage allows the college to provide education and job training at affordable prices. We would like to see that continued.



Check record

To the editor:

Recently, the 13th Congressional Race, candidate Joe Fitzsimmons noted that opponent, Lynn Rivers, seemed to want to impose censorship on debate about the issues. As a lifelong member of the district and native of Ann Arbor, who considers himself a political activist, this is hardly a surprise!

Rivers, a member of Ann Arbor's liberal elite, has always like to have the ball in her court. For example, she recently was quoted as saying that if Fitzsimmons threw in a couple hundred thousand dollars more into his campaign, the race could be tight. Is she suggesting that this might match the PAC-Labor Union contributions that pour into her coffers?

Speaking of Ann Arbor, which is only 25 percent of the congressional district, Rivers said that residents here really know her and her excellent record. Why don't we all check out what she has done, not what she tells us.

Gerry Lutz
Ann Arbor

Dole is choice

To the editor:

My choice for the presidency on Nov. 5 will be the man who doesn't use illegal drugs. His opponent did use illegal drugs, but claimed he didn't chew, gulp, or swallow. My choice doesn't engage in trysts and dalliances with other women. He did serve

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his country and has never expressed regret doing so even though he was severely injured.

Most important, despite all the discussions about the intelligences of the two candidates, their speaking abilities, and comparisons of personalities, Dole does know that the free market, free enterprise system is far more efficient in producing goods and services than an elitist group in Washington planning the production. The present office-holder seems determined to take the United States to a socialist utopia.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Why not debate?

To the editor:

Lynn Rivers has been attacking Joe Fitzsimmons, saying he has no right to discuss education because he didn't vote in some school board elections. Why is Mrs. Rivers afraid of a healthy debate? Maybe it's because of her dismal record as a member of the Ann Arbor school board.

While Mrs. Rivers was president of the school board grade point averages fell, standardized test scores went down, college entrance exam scores plummeted, dropout rates soared, spending skyrocketed, and administrative costs increased twenty percent faster than enrollment.

Mrs. Rivers calls herself a

friend of our schools. With friends like her, who needs enemies!

Dean Henry Costales
UM Student-Leader
Ann Arbor

Public invited

To the editor:

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) will hold a public information meeting on Oct. 29, 1996 at the Clarion Hotel in Romulus, Michigan. This public meeting will be held to respond to the numerous requests we have had regarding the status of our deepwell project permitting. This meeting will also include a description of our site development plans for our Northline Road facility. Our current schedule involves submitting an Act 451, Part III permit application of this site in January of 1997.

We welcome you and your questions at this meeting.

Austin Marshall
Vice President, EDS

Rivers gets vote

To the editor:

I had the opportunity to observe, first-hand, the nine years of work and service by Lynn Rivers on the Ann Arbor School Board. As a trustee she was well-known for her careful attention to details and for having done her homework prior to each and every meeting. Moreover, her work was driven by her concern that each child should have a

fair shake in this world of ours.

She welcomed criticism that was well-founded in facts, but was tough on turning aside thoughtless attacks. It is no accident that Lynn Rivers was re-elected three times and was endorsed by the Ann Arbor News on each occasion.

And now, after two years of service as our representative in Congress, Lynn has continued to represent all of us. Her ability, dedication, and experience have made her an extraordinary member of Congress. Let's keep her there.

LeRoy A. Cappaert
Ann Arbor

Health tips provided

To the editor:

Amidst debate over the budget deficit and the financial health of our nation, I need to point out another dangerous deficit our nation faces — a lack of preventive health care for active working adults. And I'd like to give you some examples of how osteopathic physicians are working to combat that deficit.

Here are a few simple guidelines people can follow to help ensure good health:

- Manage Stress. Regular exercise (20 minutes, three or more times per week) can reduce stress and improve energy level. Sandwich generation members

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FOOTNOTES: What can be done to curb drug use in the U.S.?

"We need better and smarter drug education programs that start in the grade schools. And, I support the drug penalty for drug kingpins who deal large amounts of drugs that kill kids and destroy lives. I think if you're going to do that, you need to lose more than your mansion or Mercedes."



Joe Fitzsimmons
Republican candidate
13th Congressional Dist.

"We need to prosecute drug kingpins, protect our own boarders and implement more prevention programs to stop drug use before it starts."



Lynn Rivers
Democrat incumbent
13th Congressional Dist.

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should remember that taking time for themselves will make them better able to care for others.

- **Live Well.** Avoiding unhealthy lifestyle choices can dramatically improve health and lengthen life. For example, cutting out tobacco, consuming only moderate amounts of alcohol (no more than two drinks per day), avoiding high-risk sex and maintaining recommended weight can all make you healthier.

- **Exercise and Eat Right.** Some of the most common mistakes adults make are in diet and exercise. With hectic schedules and multiple demands on their time, it's often hard to eat balanced meals with less fat and more grains, fruits and vegetables. Exercise, too, is often neglected. But exercise can help you avoid a variety of serious conditions associated with being overweight. Limber muscles and joints are less likely to be injured. A proper diet and moderate exercise are two of the fundamentals of good health.

- **Get in Shape Before Competition.** As adults approach middle age, their bodies can change more than they realize. It's easy to sustain a serious injury from inappropriate physical activity. "Weekend Warriors" who try to compete with younger people at active sports without first conditioning themselves for the strain, run a high risk of debilitating injury. It's a must to stay active and prepare for athletic participation to avoid serious injury.

Melvin D. Linden, D.O.
President

Lights needed

To the editor:

I am writing you concerning the street lights on Henry Ruff. We need all, not just some, of the lights on at night time. Some people have a hard time seeing when they are driving and walking.

You never know when someone is going to creep out from the dark and attack you.

I feel that this is a dangerous situation that needs to be corrected by the cities of Inkster or Westland. If someone shoots the street lights out again don't punish the others for someone else's foolishness.

We all must learn to live together and help others in peace. Wake up community and stop plotting against each other!

Raymond Williams
Inkster

No room at the dance

To the editor:

As a graduate of Wayne Memorial and life long resident of Wayne, I am appalled by the recent handling of the Homecoming dance. Some 300 students (School Board's estimate and a Wayne High secretaries estimate) were denied admission to the dance one week prior to the occasion taking place because of the Fire Marshall's capacity limit of 500 people within the Commons area of the school. I agree with the capacity limit, but how come an alternative site was not selected when it was readily apparent that several additional students wanted to attend.

How do you explain to these teenagers that the clothes that were bought for this occasion cannot be worn. How do you explain to these kids, who finally came up with the nerve to ask someone to attend with them, that only 500 tickets are available. These kids are only in high school once and the person(s) responsible for this event obviously missed the target on the projected attendance.

On Friday, I attempted to contact someone at the Board office for an answer. They referred me to the high school, where it was already apparent that the secretary who answered my questions had already been deluged with complaints from parents of students who were denied admission. I was told tickets were on sale and advertised for a week long period. But on Tuesday, the tickets were sold out and several hundred students

were turned away.

When I called the Principal to inquire what or if an alternative could be worked out he was unavailable until Monday, which by coincidence was after the dance. Assistant Principal Bak did not return my call either. My wife also called earlier in the week to inquire with Ms. Lewis why more tickets were not made available. We basically got the same answer about the 500 people capacity limit and that our daughter should have been in line earlier instead of procrastinating until it was too late. Ms. Lewis, I certainly do not need your person assessment of my daughter's behavior nor should you render an opinion that my daughter is lazy. In addition Ms. Lewis, we purchased our daughter's dress a few weeks ago. You stated on the phone we should have waited until after a ticket was purchased to purchase her dress, which in my opinion, is the closest thing to procrastination there is.

I guess the increase of kids who were brought to Wayne High as a part of the middle school concept caught all administrators off guard. It is a shame that a child who wants to grow up socially cannot do so because the administrators cannot make a decision to move a dance a few hundred feet to the Alumni Arena or a few feet to the old gymnasium and there accommodate those kids who's hearts were broken.

If 300 new students showed up at your front door wanting an education, would you turn them away too?

Gary Clark
Wayne

Superintendent supported

To the editor:

I am writing in support of our long-term school board members, and our superintendent of schools, Mr. Richendollar, who have recently been the subjects of derision and ridicule. I find the ill thought out accusations that fly through local papers petty, misleading and offensive. Our schools and our children - remember them? - owe their success to these individuals. Thank goodness the "challenged five" have the backbone and common sense to stand up to a vocal minority whose agenda does not include the best interests of our children.

There are several other topics relating to our schools and the Board that I take issue with as well. Frankly, I find it ridiculous that the water must be run for any length of time before being safe - or even palatable. The water quality is questionable at best and hardly drinkable. For goodness sake, old buildings need repair - fix the plumbing! Rooms are poorly ventilated, with resulting fluctuations and lack of climate control that render the air quality in our elementary schools extremely poor and miserable.

The bond issue that failed recently was for the purpose of purchasing busses the district needed, so that the money already set aside for that purpose in the budget might possibly be used to provide technology that our children

must have access to. Our children need to be competent with computers to function as adults - there should be enough available that each child spends time each day on them. Computers are not a luxury item for our children, computer literacy is an absolute necessity. Longing for the "good ole days" of the three R's is longing for a fantasy that looks inviting and never actually existed for the majority of Americans in the first place. This wishful thinking certainly doesn't help our kids in today's world one bit!

In addition, this community obviously does not agree that music isn't basic "education," considering that a whopping 20% of our kids participate in instrumental music (that statistic includes the kids too young to participate!) Not only do they play - they play stunningly well! Our senior band has been invited - one of fourteen bands in the country - to play at Carnegie Hall. Our Marching Band - two hundred strong - is outstanding in the state. These kids learn teamwork, co-operation, and gain a sense of camaraderie and accomplishment that comes with a lot of hard work. This community should be celebrating these outstanding individuals, instead we belittle this awesome accomplishment! Will all of these kids become professional musicians? Of course not, but how many will use this skill as an opportunity to attend college on scholarships? And how many of us became mathematicians or literary critics? That doesn't mean that acquiring those skills didn't enrich our lives! Mrs. Losen's

claim that she was misunderstood does not explain why music was part of her statement at all. The implication was clear, and no amount of back-peddaling will alter than implication.

The best thing to happen to our school district, in my opinion, is Mr. Richendollar. He should be thanked by each of us for providing a safe, progressive and effective learning environment for our kids. Who is complaining about the MEAP scores? We were second of the nine surrounding districts, and 9th and 11th out of 34 districts! We have him and our incredible contingent of teachers (who work for the second lowest pay in our incredible contingent of teachers (who work for the second lowest pay in the county!) to thank for this accomplishment. Our teachers have taken pay increases that were less than the county average every year for the last seven years! Give them a break! Slashing salaries, threatening benefits, and scrimping on materials certainly is not the way to improve scores. Our schools provide an outstanding education to all of our kids, not just the super achievers, and our district has it's share of kids that come to school with enormous emotional burdens, family issues, addiction and abuse issues. We are not so removed from these and other problems as some of our wealthier neighboring districts. Our teachers have frequently exceeded expectations in providing for these kids in ways that are far beyond the scope of their job requirements. So before you put their livelihood

on the chopping block, Mr. Bowles, I suggest you take a lesson from these of us who believe in public education, and support the incredible staff that we have.

Belleville - we need these people, OUR KIDS NEED THEM! Mr. Bowles won't permit his kids to attend school with ours, yet he has no qualms about taking away needed programs, improvements - and yes, money - from our children. Is that a personal attack? Perhaps, but no more personal than jeopardizing our children's future. I'm afraid that our newest School Board members have woefully misread the climate of this community. I do not believe that investing in our children is a waste of money, as a matter of fact, I can't think of a better investment than our children.

Those of you who have kids in the music or sports programs, those who have had their child inspired by our teachers, or who have had Mr. Richendollar come to their home out of concern for their child, now is the time to show your support to the wonderful people we have working for us - who are truly on our kid's side!

Carrie DeJonghe
Belleville

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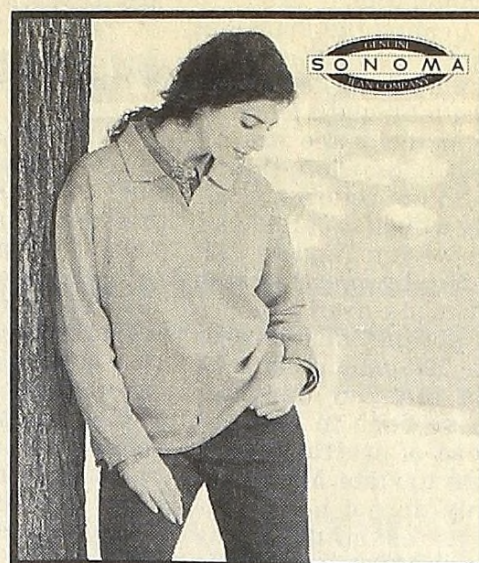
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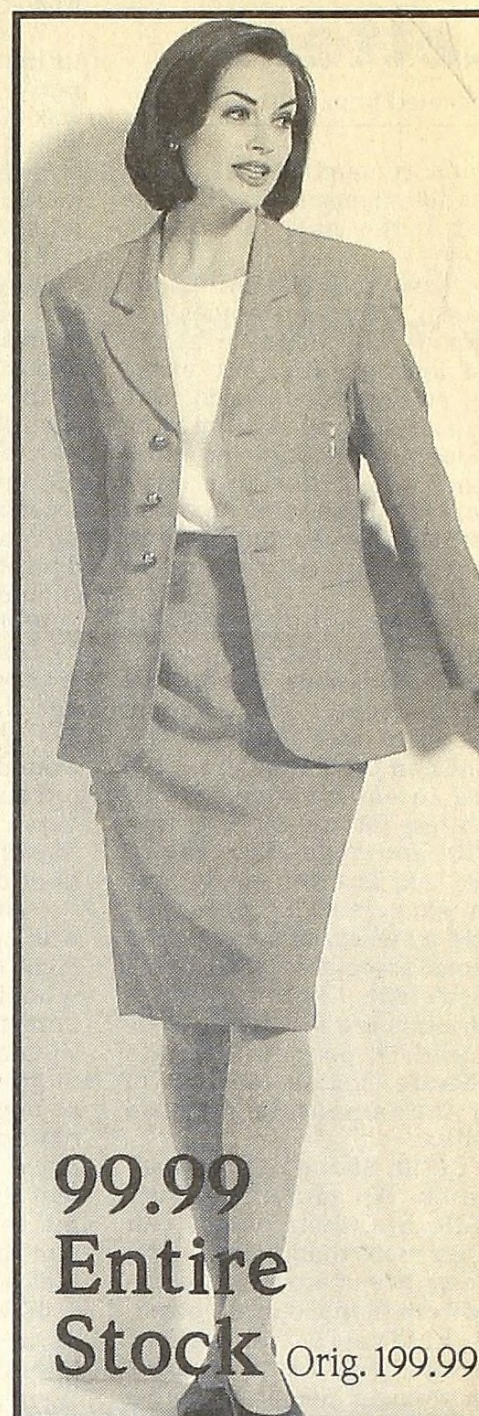
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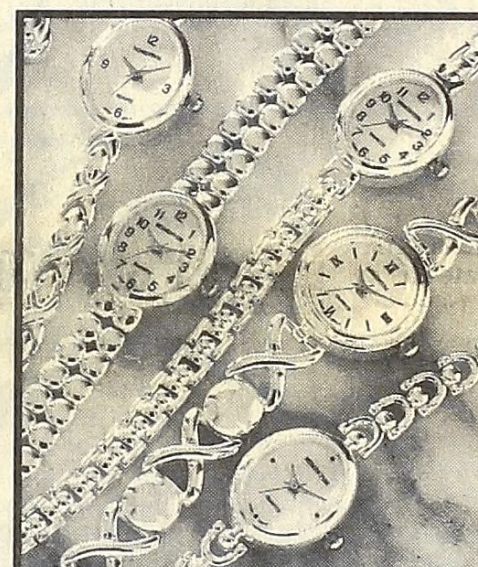
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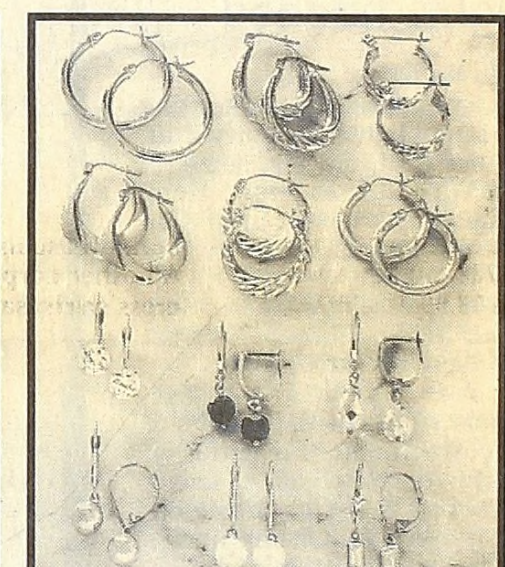
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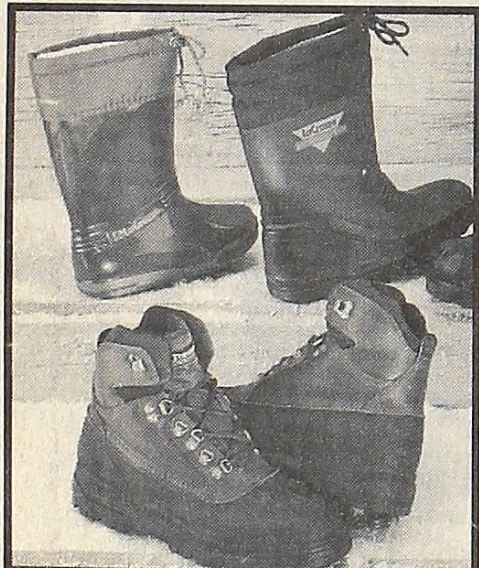
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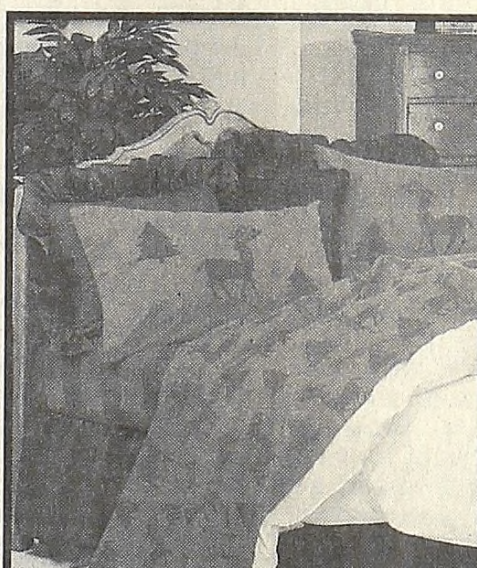
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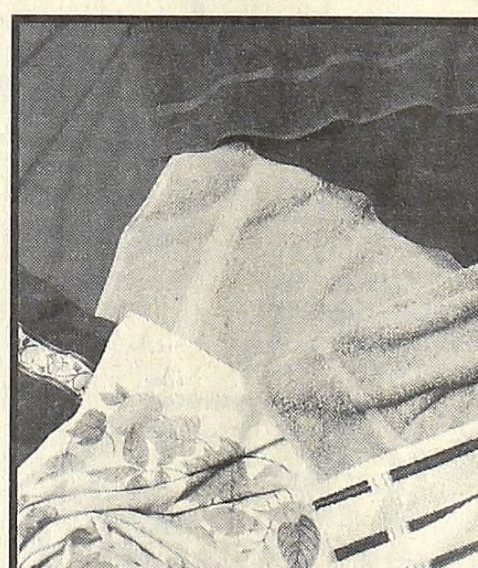
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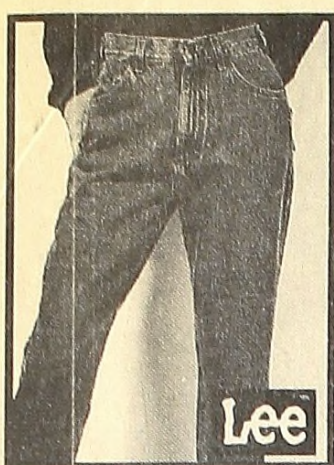
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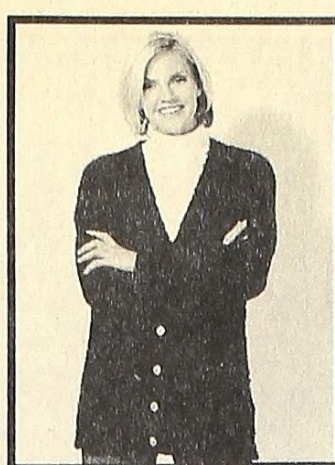
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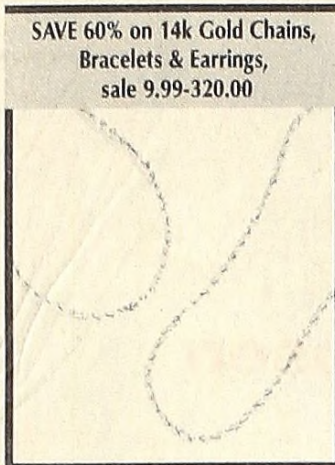
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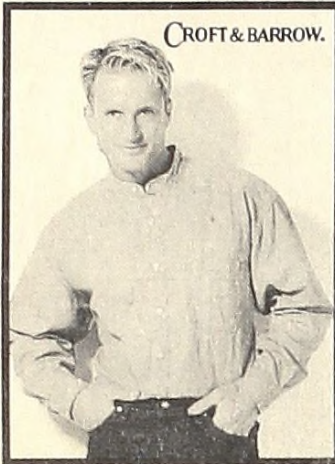
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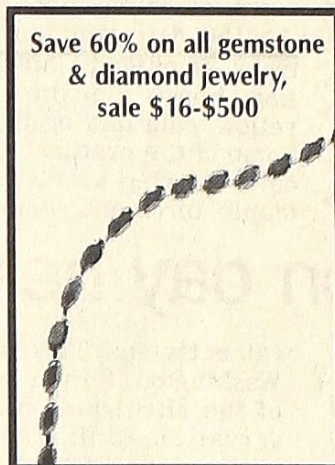
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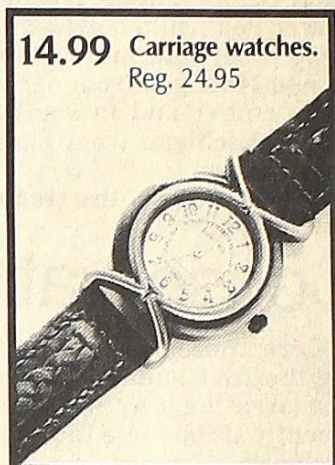
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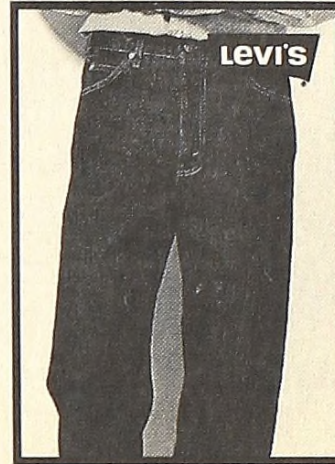
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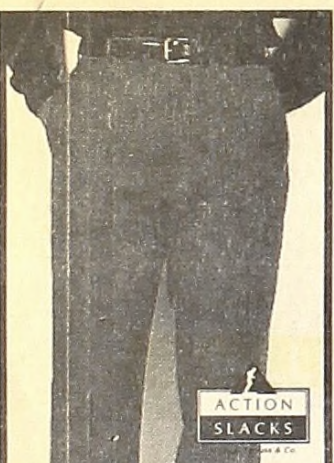
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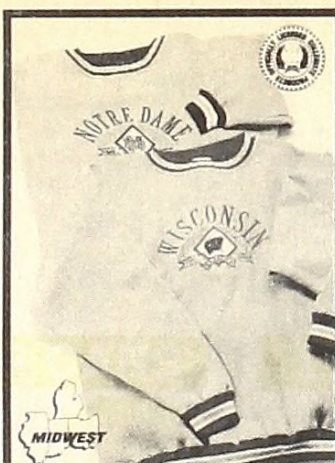
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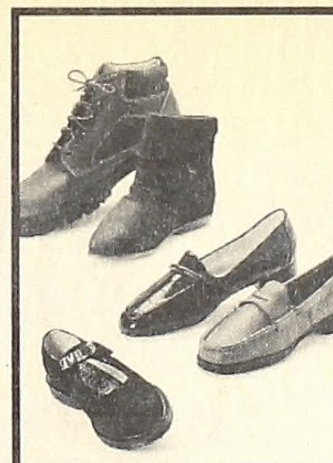
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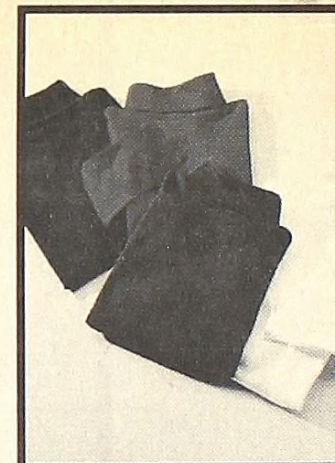
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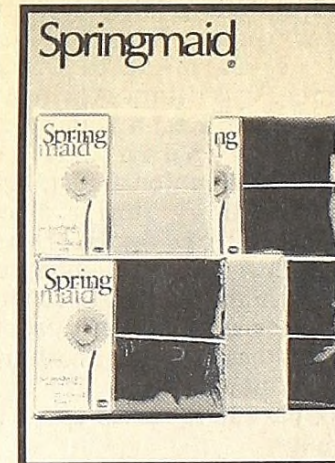
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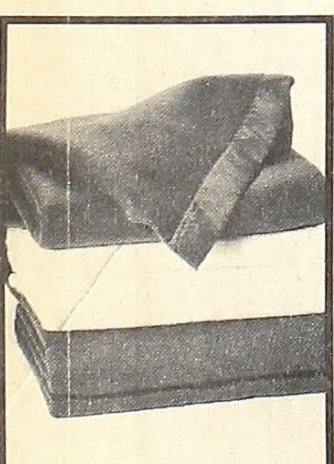
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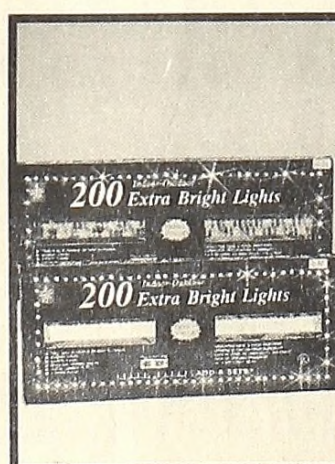
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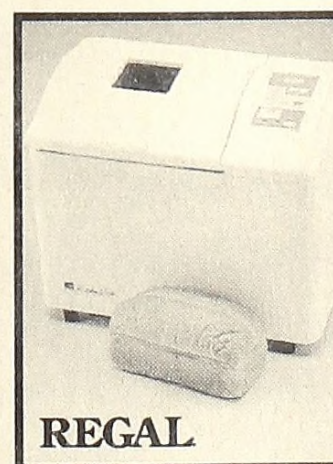
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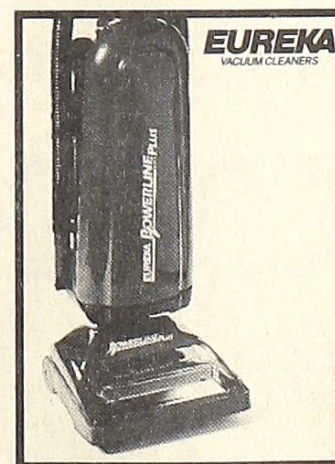
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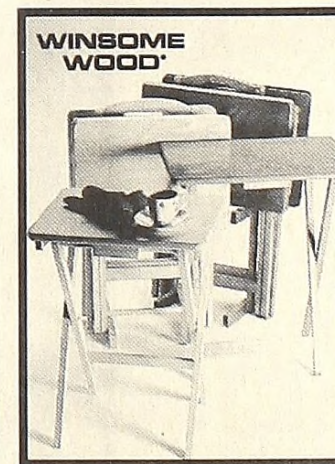
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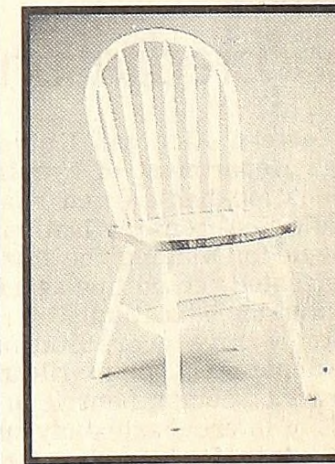
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Fall color at peak

Another summer's glory may be behind us, but the panorama of color that is fall in Michigan is just ahead, and for many Michiganders, it's another great reason to hop in the car or mini-van to see the state.

What is the best time to view Michigan's fall color?

The color show peaks in stages, beginning at the top of the state, where cooler temperatures arrive first, and, subsequently, moving downward. Peak color is generally found in the Upper Peninsula between mid-September and early October; in the Northern Lower Peninsula between late September and mid-October; in mid-Michigan from early to mid-October and in southern Lower Michigan from mid-to-late October.

What makes the leaves change color?

Weather conditions in early September largely determine the success of the fall color display. If there are bright sunny days and cool nights, a good show can be expected. Daylight length is also significant. Shorter days cause leaves to stop producing chlorophyll and lose their green color. Also, rain helps growing conditions.

How many species of trees are there and what colors do they turn?

In Michigan's 18-million acres of forests, there are close to 150 different species of trees. Michigan's autumn foliage boasts a mixture of red, yellow, gold and orange hues. Some of the prettiest trees for color viewing are aspen, oak, maple, birch and sumac.

Conservation day held

Ceremonies commemorating the first annual Michigan Conservation Day were held recently at the State Library of Michigan.

Conservation day honored those Michigan citizens who best exemplify the spirit of conservation and environmen-

tal activism. The late Tom Washington, former president of the Michigan United Conservation Club, received a posthumous lifetime achievement award for his contributions to state conservation issues. Each year, a Michigan citizen is honored as Conservationist of the Year.

Inkster stages homecoming

Inkster High School will play their homecoming game at 3:30 p.m. Friday against the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks.

During Spirit Week, there was a 1960s-1970s Day on Monday, a dress-up day on Tuesday and a Pep Rally on Wednesday. Today (Oct. 24), is Cartoon Character Day. On Friday, students will be wearing maroon and white to show their support for their team.

Chosen for the Vikings Homecoming Court are Terrel McKissick, king; Neshawandra Fikes, queen; Marvin Glaze, prince; Carmencita Davis, princess; William Aplin, senior escort; Keshia Hamby, senior attendant; Rigel Roundtree, junior escort; Priscilla Holliday, junior attendant; Sheldon Alison, sophomore escort; Bianca Bostic, sophomore attendant; William Morris, freshman escort, and Esterlita Davis, freshman attendant.

A parade is slated at 1 p.m. Friday.

Following the game, there will be a dance at 8 p.m. in the Inkster High School gym.

EMU nursing earns reaccreditation

Eastern Michigan University's Department of Nursing Education has earned reaccreditation from the National League for Nursing, the single designated accrediting agency for nursing education.

To receive accreditation, the department voluntarily underwent a comprehensive process of internal self-study and an external professional review to verify compliance with the NLN's criterion for a nursing program. The department was to be in substantial compliance with the criterion.

The NLN's 28 criterion include department mission, structure and governance, budget process, faculty utilization and credentials, curriculum and missions, course work and systematic evaluation plan, among others.

Dr. Regina Williams, head of EMU's Department of Nursing Education, said that while the reaccreditation process was demanding, it was beneficial because it allowed the department to complete an extensive self critique.



Inkster Student Council chosen

Inkster Student Council members gathered for a photograph during Spirit Week. They are (not in order) President LaTasha Hudson, Vice President Carmencita Davis, Financial Secretary Nicole Thornton, Secretary Tawanna Garrett, Assistant Secretary Kela Cobb, Treasurer Neshawandra Fikes, Sergeant-at-arms William Alpin. Other members are Brenda Henzel, Keisha Humby, Alex Moses, Donald Hildreth, Angela Bartley, Rachel Sheperd, Jessica Hall, Antonette Walker, LaShawn Young, Kevin Edison, Leslie Baker, Paulette Amerson, Lydia Reeves, Jeceessica Hall, Yolanda Brown, Star Gee, Courtney Allen, Cathisha Thomas, LaTasha Brown, NaTosha Brisker, LaShauna Holliday and DeQuina Taylor. Advisors are Selenia Robinson and Olivia Fitts and the IHS principal is Dr. Terrel LeCesne. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

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